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## Miami Beach Free Hazardous Waste Collection Annual Event will be Held on June 3

**Miami Beach, FL** – Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste and can pose a threat to human health if not properly disposed.

The Public Works Environmental Resource Management and Sanitation divisions will be holding a free hazardous waste collection event on Sunday, June 3, 2012 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Residents can drop off any household chemicals or hazardous waste at 40 Street and Chase Avenue. Examples of such products include paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, which contain hazardous ingredients that require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes consists of pouring these substances down the sink drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but these wastes do pollute the environment.

For more information about the event, contact Betsy Wheaton at 305.673.7080 or <a href="mailto:ewheaton@miamibeachfl.gov">ewheaton@miamibeachfl.gov</a>.

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